there those that most profitly entertain learning in themselves
to the admirable lustre of their nobility, such as the most
ingenious Derby, deep-searching Northumberland, and the
skill embracing heir of Hunsdon

Of the two hymns, the first is dedicated to Night, which the
poet calleth the day of deep students,

> Rich taper'd sanctuary of the blest,
> Palace of ruth, made all of tears, and rest,
> To thy black shades and desolation,
> I consecrate my life

The second hymn he dedicateth to Cynthia, under whom is
figured the Queen, in whose sacred state

> The circles of our Hopes are compassed
> All wisdom, beauty, majesty and dread,
> Wrought in the speaking portrait of thy face ,

yet fearing

> that sable day.
> When interposed earth takes thee away,
> (Our sacred chief and sovereign general),
> As crimson a retreat, and steep a fall,
> We fear to suffer from this peace and height,
> Whose thankless sweet now cloys us with receipt

PLAGUE DEATHS

There have died in London and the suburbs during this year
17,893 persons, whereof 10,675 were from the plague